

THE GRAND ARMY.

What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

School Histories, Memorial Day, and Grant Memorial at Washington Form the Subjects of Commander-in-Chief Clarkson's Last Order.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, OMAHA, NEB., March 4, 1897.

General Orders. No. 10. A most cordial invitation has been extended, through these Headquarters, to the Grand Army of the Republic, both as Posts and individuals, by the Military Commission of the Grant Memorial National Encampment, to attend the dedication of the Memorial Monument erected to the memory of our great commander, Gen. U. S. Grant, by the City and people of New York, in that city, on April 27, next.

The Commander-in-Chief and Staff will be present and assume command of the G.A.R. Division, and he hopes to see as many of comrades as can possibly arrange to do so, present to participate in this great tribute.

While there are no funds to provide entertainment for visiting Posts and comrades, quarters for such as reasonable rates may be had by addressing the committee at No. 1, Broadway, N. Y., where information as to points of rendezvous, route, and other particulars may be obtained.

The 30th National Encampment directed the appointment of a committee to investigate the matter of histories in use in the public schools of the country so far as they relate to the subject of the late war. Such committee was named in General Order No. 2, and is now in the subject of the late war. Such committee was named in General Order No. 2, and is now in the subject of the late war. Such committee was named in General Order No. 2, and is now in the subject of the late war.

An extract from a letter of the Chairman of the Committee to the Commander-in-Chief, dated Jan. 15, will be of interest to the Order: "WINCHESTER, IND., Jan. 15, 1897.

"Gen. T. S. CLARKSON, Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R.

"DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have just returned from the meeting of our Committee on School Histories, held in Cleveland, O., Jan. 13 and 14. I had the honor to be in correspondence with the Commanders of the several Departments in the Northern States, in which I include West Virginia and Missouri, in relation to the subjects to be considered at the meeting, and the general interest manifested in the work of the Committee was very gratifying. Through this correspondence I was able to lay before the Committee, information as to the leading historical uses in the public schools of the several States, the manner in which they were selected, and suggestions as to the methods of securing proper action in regard to the adoption of a better history of the war period, and, in fact, secured the views of most of the leading school histories in use in our public schools, and had examined many of them before the meeting, making notes of the points to be laid before the Committee; with this material at hand we were able to go directly to the consideration of the character of the text books used for teaching the history of the War of the Rebellion, its causes and results."

"The other members of the Committee had given these subjects some investigation, and as soon as our session commenced we proceeded to the examination, together, of the several histories, which had been placed before us for that purpose. After a careful examination, and the exchange of views by the members of the Committee, it was the unanimous opinion that no history in use as a text book, gives such an account of the war period as to be commensurate with the duty of the Committee; that no one of them makes any use of this important period of our history and of its great events, to teach lessons of patriotism, and to furnish without other sources of information what was entirely unable to determine whether there was any difference in the patriotism of those who fought for the preservation of the 'National Union' and those who fought for the destruction of our Government; that there is in all of them a general tendency to enlarge upon and exaggerate the military qualities of the Confederates and to belittle the valor and heroism of those who fought upon the other side; that some of those most extensively used are so unattractive in sentiment as to justify the most severe condemnation."

"This is a subject of vital interest to the country we helped to save. A full report will be made by the Committee to the 31st National Encampment, and it is hoped that the Encampment will give this important subject the most careful consideration."

The Commander-in-Chief takes this opportunity of reminding the comrades throughout the land that the "day of all days" for us—Memorial Day—is not far off, and that contributions are desirable, not only for the furnishing of flags and pecuniary assistance to our comrades in the Southern Departments, living in the vicinity of National Cemeteries, to enable them to properly decorate the graves of our comrades who are there sleeping their last sleep. Let comrades contribute for this purpose to the extent of their ability.

Remittances should be sent to the Adjutant-General, which will be forwarded to the Quartermaster-General for proper distribution among the several Departments upon proper requisition.

The following comrades are hereby appointed a committee upon the erection of a monument commemorative of the devotion and heroic deeds of the women of the war for the preservation of the 30th National Encampment: Eli Torrance (Chairman), Minneapolis, Minn.; S. S. Burdett, Washington, D. C.; Ira M. Hedges, Haverstraw, N. Y.; Charles Townsend, Athens, Ga.; James A. Sexton, Chicago, Ill.; George A. Newman, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Washington Gardner, Lansing, Mich.

Under instructions of the National Encampment held in Detroit, for the erection of a memorial in the Capital at Washington to our late Commander Ulysses S. Grant, the following comrades were appointed as a "Grant Memorial Committee": Under General Orders, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, dated Albany, N. Y., Aug. 17, 1895, S. S. Burdett, Chairman, Washington, D. C.; Russell A. Alger, Detroit, Mich.; Wheelock G. Veazey, Washington, D. C.; Robert B. Beath, Philadelphia, Pa.; Selden Connor, Portland, Me.; E. S. Gray, Midport, O.; Horace S. Clark, Madison, Ill.

This Committee, since its existence, has made reports of its action to every National Encampment, except the 30th, and has been continued from year to year. It is now, by the authority of the 29th National Encampment.

The total receipts for the Grant Memorial fund have been: \$11,926.67 and the total disbursements: 6,193.25

Leaving a balance on hand, as per last report of the Quartermaster-General: \$5,733.42

The following staff appointments are hereby announced. The comrades appointed will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Aid on Military Instruction in Public Schools—A. P. Rousseau, Larimore, N. D.

Assistant Inspector-General—S. W. Hoffman, Elk Point, S. D., for the Department of South Dakota, vice Marcellus B. Kent.

Aids-de-Camp: Connecticut, H. L. Beach, Hartford.

Florida—J. F. Chase, St. Petersburg.

Illinois—Bradley Dean, Chicago; M. D. Birge, Chicago; John Amey, Chicago; E. Kirk, Jr., Chicago; J. L. Locke, Chicago; Jos. E. Evans, Monticello; Wm. B. Keeler, Chicago; D. W. Mills, Chicago; C. A. Rieck, Mt. Sterling.

Iowa—L. J. Leech, West Branch; Edward R. Mason, Des Moines.

Kansas—C. C. McCarthy, Nortonville; R. D. Talbot, Parsons; C. M. McKeggart, Independence.

Maryland—John E. Hough, Baltimore.

Massachusetts—G. B. Wilbur, Central Village; Thomas Swamy, Marlborough; Wm. B. Arnold, North Abington; Henry Parsons, Marlboro; H. H. Baker, Hyannis; George T. Sleeper, Winthrop; George W. Nason, Boston; Dwight O. Judd, Holyoke.

Michigan—Joe H. Powell, Seara.

Missouri—Thomas H. Mackland, St. Louis; Joseph E. Abel, St. Louis.

Nebraska—Franklin Stone, Clarks; Wm. F. Coyle, Omaha; J. A. Spalding, Omaha; Geo. W. Martin, New Bend.

New York—E. G. Tuckerman, New York; James H. Ronald, Brooklyn; J. P. Foster, Geneva; Frank J. Regan, East Aurora; H. A. Wiler, Springwater; B. B. Spaulding, Wm. M. Kenyon, Rochester; Robert Bushby, Cortland; T. J. Bell, Auburn; Wm. Benson, Haverstraw; Jas. Dean, Brooklyn; Stephen N. Neich, Brooklyn; Wm. H. Cahill, Watervliet; Jos. V. McKinnin, New York; Daniel P. each.

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SONS OF VETERANS.

News from Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

VETERANS AND SONS.

Letter From Comrade De Steese, 30th Wis., Who is Now a Member of Stanton Camp.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I cannot afford to have your paper out of reach of the boys. It is helping us right along, and gives the members much information on things that have been a stumbling-block to them, that we would have an up-hill pull without it. George D. Stanton Camp is prospering and daily coming in closer contact with the members of the Post. It is an advantage to both organizations. While the boys are not ready to let the Sons into full fellowship at present, they would feel lonesome without the boys around.

I represented this Division at Louisville last year, and my record on the proposed affiliation with the G.A.R., is printed in the Proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief. As an old soldier, perhaps I am a little jealous of the Sons when they are asked to come in, but I do not think that they at present do not or cannot realize the feelings of an old soldier when it is proposed to place the Sons of Veterans in full charge of the old flag.

"They have never heard the order 'Close on the colors,' when men were falling under the leaden rain of death, or the last appeal of the Color-Sergeant to his comrades, before he closed his eyes for the last time on this earth, to save the flag. There is a different light in the old soldier's eye at the sight of Old Glory. I do not wish it to be understood that the Sons of Veterans seek compromise or would not exist and fight for home, flag and country as hard as the old soldiers did, should occasion ever require. I lack the exact words to describe the difference, perhaps, without giving offense, which I am loath to do, as to doing as the boys and our legitimate successors, and whether they realize it or not, our only hope. They must sometime bury the last old soldier, keep green the memory of the departed grandest army, and preserve our archives."

Then, let me describe the difference thus: The Sons lack only the thrilling, magical touch of shoulder to shoulder through their trials and vicissitudes, which inspire confidence in their fathers' comrades, while showing dependence on each other in the camp or battle.

I am in favor of longer terms for officers in Camps and Divisions, although Camps may, as mine has done, elect for three consecutive years. Many do not, and one-half year is lost by the officers in learning their duties, while the other half is, perhaps, wasted in electioneering.

I hope the bill making us a military reserve of the United States will pass. A little help, even, from the States would fill the ranks. I present to our members to the National Guard almost as soon as they learn the muzzles of the gun from the butt.

I was in one of the 11th-hour regiments. If almost constant fighting from start to finish of the 18 months the regiment served did not make us veterans, nothing ever will. The 30th day of July, 1864, at Mine Fort, in front of Petersburg, nearly wiped out the Third Division of the Ninth Corps, and the First Brigade, First Division, of same corps, on picket at that time, who charged as the fort was blown. My regiment, the 30th Wis., was in this brigade. We were under fire here from the first day of July, and you couldn't show your hand in the daytime without getting a bullet through it.

Why can't we have a Reunion of the young men of the United States, who start the day of rolling. We can have a headquarters, compare notes, and perhaps tell how the old fellows got behind stumps while we boys stood in the open, because we didn't know any better—W. De Steese, Comrade, E. A. Brown Post 130, E. Stillings, of Boston, both of whom were given a royal welcome.

One of the most encouraging reports was that of the Committee on Patriotic Teaching, showing that this important branch of Relief Corps work is gaining ground rapidly in Rhode Island.

Department President Julia P. Nason retired with honor after a successful administration, and was the recipient of a gold chain, gifts of the Department officers, and a set of resolutions presented by Department Aids and the Relief Corps of Rhode Island. A large reception was given in honor of Commander of Commandery Clarkson and National President Agnes Hitt.

The Commander-in-Chief enlarged the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Mayor McGinnis, of Providence, gave the distinguished guests a warm welcome on behalf of the city. National President Hitt and Department President Nason were the recipients of beautiful flowers, presented by Past Department President Fish.

Officers installed by the National President are as follows: President, Bessie M. Seymour; S. V. P., Mary J. B. Clark; J. V. P., Mary E. Cooley; Treas., Lizzie E. Prentiss; Chap., Edna E. Chappelle; Sec., Ellen E. Hunt; Com. E. A. Hunter; Instituting and Installing Officer, Maria A. Wilson; Counselor, Julia P. Nason.

Department Correspondent Bertha M. Allen reports the 15th annual convention, Department of Minnesota, held in St. Paul, Minn., the most profitable and interesting ever held in that State. Many distinguished comrades of the Grand Army called to exchange fraternal greetings, including Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, Department Commander Wood and Past Department Commanders Castle, Becker, Torrance and McCurdy; also a quartet of veterans from Bryant Post, Minneapolis, who delighted the veterans with their singing. The Eolian Quartet, all of whom are members of the Acker Corps, St. Paul, sang beautiful numbers. Greetings were read from National President Agnes Hitt.

Though declining to stand for re-election, a number of votes were cast for Marie Hasenwinkle to be her own successor in the office of Department President, indicating the esteem in which she is held. Through Mrs. Annie Keeler, of Clarified Corps, she was presented a valuable ring, gift of the Department.

Officers were installed by Past Department President Mary E. Leavens, a large number of comrades of the Grand Army being in attendance. They are as follows: Pres. Addie F. Bissell, Littlefield; S. V. P., Elizabeth Perry, Sauk Centre; J. V. P., Alice V. Boardwell, Stillwater; Sec., Marie Soule, Littlefield; Treas., Mary Harrison, Minneapolis; Chap., Mary E. Decker, Littlefield; Ins., Cordelia Mitchell, Minneapolis.

Past Department President Marie Hasenwinkle was elected Assistant of the Soldiers' Home, and was elected by Council.

MEMORIAL OF SARAH C. MINK.

Edward J. Mitchell, Secretary of the Board of Managers, New York Woman's Relief Corps, Home, Oxford, N. Y., writes that at the last regular meeting of the Board, which was the annual meeting of the W.R.C., the resolution was passed in memory of Sarah C. Mink, Past National President, W.R.C. Mrs. Mink was a member of the Board, and one of the founders of the Home. Copies were sent to Maj. Chas. E. Mink by a committee embracing Mrs. E. Jones, Edward J. Mitchell, and Sarah C. Nichols. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That by the death of Sarah C. Mink this Board loses a member whose superior business qualifications and continuous labors for the advancement of its interests made her services of great value.

Resolved, That we shall cherish her memory as a woman exemplary in character and of noble and generous impulses, eminently fitted to direct, counsel and advise, intensely patriotic and friend to be trusted, whose aims were kindly and adequate and helpful.

Past Department President Ellen M. Putnam was re-elected President of the Board; Past Department President Sarah C. Nichols, Vice-President; Edward J. Mitchell, Secretary, and George Treadway, Albany, Treasurer. The remaining members of the Board are Richard Curran, Rochester; Department President Annie P. Cleary, Rochester; Past Department President Kate E. Jones, Iliou, and Ada G. Mohr, Brooklyn; also Margaret A. Hubbard, Albany, who succeeds Sarah C. Mink.

Gold Standard in Japan.

The Japanese Government has decided to adopt the gold money standard. The mint gold coins of the new standard have been fixed at 2.231 grams. Thereafter, no dollar, will be withdrawn gradually from circulation, and the smallest gold piece will be of the value of five yen. The new standard will go into operation next October.

Throat Diseases commence with a Cough, Cold or Sore Throat. Brown's Bronchial Troches give immediate and sure relief.

GORDON CAMP.

Military Features Introduced by Capt. Williams Have Been a Success.

WOMAN'S STRUGGLE.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Seeing an account in your issue of March 4 that Senior Vice Commander Walter R. Williams joined Charles F. Gordon Camp, 10, in January, 1897, I thought it best to correct same. He was a charter member of that Camp when it organized, January, 1895, and was elected Second Lieutenant. In 1896 he was elected First Lieutenant, and in 1897 Captain. The Camp has had its ups and downs. In 1893 Senior Vice Commander Williams was re-elected Captain, and at once introduced the military features, which has been a surprising success in keeping the members interested. I do not think that it would apply to every Camp. Members of city Camps have an opportunity to join some first-class military company, but take it in every town and village where there is a Camp of 20 or more members I think that the interest would be increased by regular military drill, especially if there were some Camps near by to create a little rivalry. Our Camp has 11 members, and out of that number we formed what is known as Co. A, Sons of Veterans Guards. The active membership is limited to 42 privates and non-commissioned officers, and three commissioned officers, making a total of 45. We are armed with Springfield breech-loading rifles and uniforms with the United States Regular Army fatigue uniforms, the Camp owning the whole outfit excepting the trousers; these the boys have to provide.

Three commissioned officers of the Camp are the three officers of the company, and those members who show the most interest in the welfare of the Camp are appointed to fill the non-commissioned offices, the positions in the Camp being about the same as in the company. The extra Sergeant in the company fills vacancies meeting nights in the Sergeant's ranks, and the extra Corporal is Chaplain of the Camp. The present commissioned officers are: Capt. H. C. Card, Jr.; First Lieut., Elmer J. Jilson; Second Lieut., H. F. Orchard—Sons of Veterans, Woonsocket, R. I.

Agrees with Brother Zimmerman.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your last issue I noticed a letter regarding the union of the G.A.R. and the Sons of Veterans. I fully agree with Brother Geo. E. Zimmerman, of Norwich, Conn., that we do not deserve the honored name of Junior G.A.R. We ought to be satisfied with admission to their Post-roads after all business has been transacted. I think there are other Sons of Veterans in the United States who will agree with us.—ARTHUR B. COPELEY, Eyota, Minn.

THE DIVISIONS.

MARYLAND.

Frank A. White, Past Division Commander of Maryland Division, represented the Sons of Veterans in the inauguration of a mounted Aid on Gen. O. O. Howard's staff.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Division Commander Orange H. Cook has established Headquarters in Newhall's Block, corner Main and Upham streets, Melrose. All official correspondence should be directed either to the Commander, Adjutant, or Quartermaster, Lock Box 57, Melrose, Mass., to insure prompt attention.

The following staff appointments have been announced: Surg. W. T. Tisdale, Camp 124, Medford; Chap. F. E. Capell, Camp 60, Holyoke; Adj. George N. Howard, Camp 79, Melrose; Q.-M., Fred W. Stantial, Camp 79, Melrose